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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A-DD/S

2 July 1970

1. The Meeting today was short with the Director and others being quite relaxed.

25X1A 2. DD/I referred to the question of whether [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A [REDACTED] He stated that they were
able to insert the requirement into the current photographic mission
which resulted in cloud free coverage of the area concerned early this
25X1A morning. The film will be in [REDACTED] on Saturday and NPIC is sending
a team to review it preliminarily. The Director was very pleased
particularly since it should provide a major assist to him in his Tuesday
testimony (which he identified as principal focus of his current intentions).

3. DD/I expressed appreciation to General Cushman for his handling of 3 colonels (I gathered at least one from MACV and another from DIA and that the subject had to do with strength statistics). The Director picked up the thought and gave General Cushman more than full marks for his skillfull treatment of the matter which has been most difficult to deal with in the past.

4. Mr. Maury suggested that the Director might express gratitude to Congressman Mahon for the very strong letter he sent to Congressman Henderson in our behalf on S.782. Mr. Maury indicated further that Representative Rivers is also going to write such a letter. The Director thanked Mr. Maury for this very good work. Mr. Maury further indicated that it was some way unfortunate that "our friend" Congressman Henderson was being caught in such heavy fire only because he had agreed to be a "good guy" and to help his fellow North Carolinian Senator Ervin.

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25X1A 5. The Director asked Mr. Duckett to clarify what the [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A [REDACTED] respectively could or could not do which results
in our contracting with both on electronic readout. Mr. Duckett also
without really defining the subject responded that it was not a case of
one or the other not being able to do something but rather a reflection
of the conscious procedures of getting more than one contractor to work
on a particular idea in order that we could ultimately have the benefit
of a variety of ideas before locking in our final course of action.

25X1A 6. The Director asked DD/P the identity of the COS in [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A Mr. Karamessines said that his name [REDACTED] The Director and others
expressed high praise and respect for [REDACTED] who apparently physically
took a "live" gun away from a man after having been beaten with the same
weapon a number of times.

25X1A 7. [REDACTED] reported that the film of the President's
television conference last evening is available for viewing. The Director
indicated that he wished to see it and would to try and do so on Monday.
The Director further identified the choice of Mr. Bruce as Paris negotiator
as "brilliant".

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John V [REDACTED]

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